

NOTICE OF AGENCY RULE-MAKING PROPOSAL

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Protection

RULE TITLE: Chapter 100 Definitions Regulation- Amendments

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Department is proposing to amend the definition of volatile organic compound (VOC) to exclude three compounds that were recently “delisted” by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because they are only negligibly reactive, meaning that they contribute little or nothing to the formation of ozone. These compounds include: 1,1,1,2,2,3,4,5,5,5,-decafluoro-3-methoxy-4-trifluoromethyl-pentane (known as HFE-7300, or L-14787, or $C_2F_5CF(OCH_3)CF(CF_3)_2$); dimethyl carbonate; and propylene carbonate.

Copies of this proposal are available upon request by contacting the Agency contact person listed below or on the DEP website at www.state.me.us/dep/air/regulations/proposed.htm.

Pursuant to Maine law, interested parties must be publicly notified of the proposed rulemaking, and provided an opportunity for comment. Any party interested in providing public comment can provide written comments before the end of the comment period. Although the Department has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposal, a public hearing will be scheduled if any requests are received prior to the close of the public comment period. All comments or requests for a public hearing should be sent to the Agency contact person.

THIS RULE WILL _____ WILL NOT X HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 38 MRSA § 585-A

PUBLIC HEARING: No public hearing is scheduled. These amendments are being posted to a 30-day comment period. A public hearing will be held if requested before the close of comments.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: July 31, 2009

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